

EL PASO TENNIS CENTER

This City to Have Important Part in National Campaign Started.

YOUNG PLAYERS TO BE HELPED ALONG

BY ACTION of the delegates at the annual meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis association held recently in New York, El Paso, Tex., was designated a tennis center. This means that El Paso will have an important part in the national campaign undertaken by the national association to further the development of young tennis players.

At the annual meeting of 1916 the association made a beginning when it authorized a series of preliminary and sectional tournaments for juniors and boys, culminating in tournaments for the national championship of each class. The national events were held at Forest Hills during the national championship, the idea being that the youngsters would thus have a fine chance to see the best players in the country in action and pick up many valuable pointers as to style of play and tactics on the court.

The result exceeded the expectations of those who fathered the idea, for more than 90 events for youngsters were sanctioned with more than 1700 boys and juniors competing. This was such a cordial endorsement that plans were immediately undertaken to broaden the scope of competition this season. By its action at the annual meeting the United States National Lawn Tennis association adopts a policy which no governing body in the field of sport has surpassed in making competition for beginners, culminating in national championships, available for boys all over the country.

Any club, college or park association affiliated with the national body, can give (and is urged to give) a tournament under official sanction of the U. S. N. L. T. A. Winners of these events thereby become eligible to compete in tournaments to be held in more than 20 cities throughout the United States, designated as tennis centers.

The winners of these tennis center tournaments are thus made eligible to compete for the national boys championship.

OLD MAN EXPERIENCE

BY WHEELAN

WELL, WELL - THAT REMINDS ME
"SPRING PRACTICE" WILL
SOON BE W FULL BLAST!!!



I WONDER IF THE PAPER
HAS ANYTHING ABOUT OLE
"RED TO-DAY"



AN' THEN THE BOYS WILL START AFTER TH OLE
FLAG - GEE - IT'LL BE GREAT TO SEE "RED"
IN ACTION AGAIN - WE WATCHED HIM PLAY
WITH TH' HOME TEAM ABOUT EIGHT SEASONS
NOW AN' HE'S A
PERMANENT
INSTITUTION -
SOME BALL
PLAYER -
THAT BOY!!!



HE'S BEEN
RELEASED
TO THE
CLUB OF THE
BINGVILLE
LEAGUE!!

ship or the national junior championship, in tournaments that will be held at Forest Hills, Long Island, during the week of the national singles championship which begins August 20.

A player may enter as many preliminary events as he chooses but he may compete in only one tennis center tournament. The age limit for boys is 16 years and for juniors, 19 years, a reduction in each case of one year from the requirements set last season.

The ruling on the association is that a player is eligible who does not reach his 19th or 16th birthday, as the case may be, on or before October 1 in the year of competition.

TOM ANDREWS' BOOK OUT.

The second edit of the T. S. Andrews "World's Annual Sporting Record Book for 1917" is just off the press. It contains the complete ring record of over 100 famous boxers, including Les Darcy, Fred Fulton, and "Ritchie" Mitchell. In addition it has over 100 pages devoted to the record events in all branches of sport.

PITCHERS SIGN CONTRACTS.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 8.—Pitcher George Foster of the Boston Americans signed his contract last night. Pitcher Gregg also signed.

WEST AGAIN IS TENNIS VICTOR

Connie Doyle Suffers Defeat at Hands of Willis Davis, 5-1, 4-6, 8-6, 6-1.

Los Angeles, Calif., March 8.—Honors went to the west again yesterday in the second day's play of the east-west tennis tournament as they did Wednesday.

Willis E. Davis (west) defeated Conrad R. Doyle (east), 6-1, 4-6, 8-6, 6-1 in a match that showed erratic play. Davis won by his good service and his cross court drives, but Doyle forced him much of the time to abandon his customary close-net play.

Harold Throckmorton paired with George M. Church for the east, furnished the feature playing of the day in the doubles match with William H. Johnston and Jno. R. Strachan (west). Darkness ended play with the score 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-7. Throckmorton was all over the court and made difficult returns. In the fourth set with the score 5-1 against him and his partner, he brought it up 5 all. The match probably will be played off tomorrow.

Mr. Sutton Bundy Sutton defeated Mary K. Browne, 11-9, 6-3 in a brilliant exhibition match that was responsible for the doubles being delayed.

HOUSTON TURNS TO ITS HEAVENS

Husky Six Footer of St. Louis Is Expected to be a Sensation.

The Houston ball club looks for much good work from its pitching staff this season, particularly on the part of Lance Utt, a six footer who hails from St. Louis where he played in the Trolley league. Utt won 15 of the 22 games he started in.

Hughy Jennings has a pair of Tigers who he will drop to Houston after the training season. They are Watson, left hand pitcher, and Robert Murphy, outfielder.

As several major league teams are in Texas this spring to train this will give the Texans a chance for fast workout and every fan is looking forward to a season of fast ball full of sensation.

JINGLES FROM SPORTLAND

PUTTING THE BARBER WISE.
The old fan sat in a barber chair,
With later in his eye.
The barber asked if the strike was fair,
And he got a prompt reply:
"A strike? A strike?" the old boy said
In a voice both loud and gruff;
"We baseball fans can knock it dead!
Why man that's bush league stuff.
I'd like to see 'em all walk out.
Yes, seven days a week;
Just walk up to the plate and clout
That pill upon the back.
For the only strike that can get by
Is the one a pitcher throws.
And it's up to Wagner, Kauff and Ty
To smash it on the nose."

Joe Ray's legs are insured \$10,000.
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Some of the good folks are hollering for ways to improve baseball. Here are a few suggestions:
Have it played on skates.
Postpone all games.
Give the fans \$50 apiece for attending.
Send it to the laundry.
Make it legal for players to stage a fight at every base.
Hang an umpire at the close of every game.
Interperse a burlesque show between innings.
Give away pop and peanuts.
Transfer all games to Mexico.

No truth in the report that the millionaire polo players will strike.
John D. Rockefeller today denied he will remain loyal to the Players' fraternity. Some more of Jawn's oil.

Ban Johnson thinks so much of Dave Fulton that we are not permitted to print it here.
President Wilson waited for the submarines to strike.

IDAHO TOWN IS PUSHING BOUTS

Little City of Wallace Wants to Extend Mills to 20 Rounds.

Denver, Colo., March 8.—While the boxing game is being held down in California, the little city of Wallace in Idaho, is trying to break into the limelight with 15 round contests, with the hope of extending them to 20 if the occasion demands. Lewis Newman, of Denver, who at one time managed Stanley Yankum and Jack Torres, has moved his tent to Wallace and is now busy trying to put that city on the fat map and at the same time get some of the silver dollars for which that locality is famous.

It is in the midst of a big mining center and there are over 7000 hardy miners who would rather attend a boxing match any day than sit down with John D. Rockefeller at a 25 chicken banquet. Lewis is associated with Frank Clancy in the Wallace Boxing club and they have started negotiations for some classy matches during the coming spring and summer.

Sid Mitchell, the Australian welterweight, who made Milwaukee his home for a time, is located there and is now matched to fight Dick Wells, the Cincinnati welter, 15 rounds, while Eddie Johnson, the Colorado welter, and Johnny Tillman of Minneapolis, are being mentioned for another battle to follow. "Willie Ritchie has been boxing out that way and is wanted back for a title match with Jack Britton, the title holder.

Mr. Newman has also made an effort for a championship match between Ritchie Mitchell and Freddy Welsh, which is out of the question just now, as Mitchell has already offered the champion \$12,500 flat for a match in the south. It shows, however, that the western fans and promoters are alive and will not let the game of boxing die down if they can avoid it.

There is a boxer in New York named Augie Ratnoc. From his ring reputation, we figure his name is a good disguise.

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